

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
March 15-16, Second Sunday of Lent

For our church, that walking in the ways of penance and renewal, we may grow in holiness throughout the world. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

For our world: may the nations know the true and lasting peace that comes from mercy and forgiveness. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

We understand that you accept us just as we are. Help us to take this acceptance and bestow it on others through our acts of compassion and love. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

For those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter, may their preparation be a time of transforming grace. Be the light that shines in their hearts. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

Help us to be like Abraham in today's reading – to trust you - even in the face of what seems impossible. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for all those who are sick including Pope Francis. We pray also for all those who have died. May their souls rest in peace. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **Jesus who guides us, we pray.**